

HO-1074

John and Annie Cavey House

1555 Woodstock Road

Private

Description:

The John and Annie Cavey House is a two-story, three-bay by one-bay frame structure with a rubble stone foundation, vinyl siding, and a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a southwest-northeast ridge. There is a one-bay by one-bay, two-story ell on the southeast that has the same materials, and the gable roof has a northwest-southeast ridge. The northwest elevation has a center doorway with a new door on the first story, flanked by new one-over-one sash with fake blinds. These windows are typical for the house. There is a one-story, three-bay porch that has modern iron railings and posts, and a half-hip roof with asphalt shingles. There is a box cornice covered with vinyl. The southwest elevation of the main block has a large 18-light picture window with fake muntins on the first story, and no opening on the second story or gable end.

Significance:

The lot on which the John and Annie Cavey House sits was sold at auction in 1905 to George Wheatley for \$525, and Wheatley immediately cut off a parcel which he sold to John Cavey for \$100. The Caveys sold the property in 1920 for \$1,100, so they must have been responsible for constructing the house, most likely shortly after purchasing the lot. The period from 1895 to 1910 saw marked growth in the village of Woodstock, with the construction of numerous I-houses with cross-gables on the front. While the Caveys house was similar to these, it lacked the primarily decorative cross-gable, making it cheaper to build. On the exterior, the Cavey house retains its historic form and massing, but has had many of its historic materials covered or replaced with inappropriate modern materials. John Cavey is listed in the 1910 census as a farmer employed on an unnamed local farm. The Caveys sold the property to Margarete Harrington, a single woman who lived there until 1943.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. HO-1074

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic John and Annie Cavey House

other

### 2. Location

street and number 1555 Woodstock Road not for publication

city, town Woodstock vicinity

county Howard

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Cecil Williams & wife

street and number 1555 Woodstock Road telephone

city, town Woodstock state MD zip code 21163

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse liber 465 folio 613

city, town Ellicott City tax map 10 tax parcel 143 tax ID number

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	0
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	0
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	0

**Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory**  
0

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The John and Annie Cavey House is located at 1555 Woodstock Road, in Woodstock, in north-central Howard County, Maryland. The house sits on the southeast side of the road, near the road, and faces northwest toward the road on a lot that generally slopes up to the southeast and southwest. The house is a two-story, three-bay by one-bay frame structure with a rubble stone foundation, vinyl siding, and a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a southwest-northeast ridge. There is a one-bay by one-bay, two-story ell on the southeast that has the same materials, and the gable roof has a northwest-southeast ridge. There is a one-story, one-bay by two-bay shed-roofed addition in the re-entrant ell between the main block and ell, also with the same siding and roofing. On the northeast side of the ell is a one-story, one-bay-square, gable-roofed addition, also with the same materials.

The northwest elevation has a center doorway with a new door on the first story, flanked by new one-over-one sash with fake blinds. These windows are typical for the house. There is a one-story, three-bay porch that has modern iron railings and posts, and a half-hip roof with asphalt shingles. The second story has typical windows in the end bays, and no opening in the center bay. There is a box cornice covered with vinyl.

The southwest elevation of the main block has a large 18-light picture window with fake muntins on the first story, and no opening on the second story or gable end. The northeast elevation has a typical window on both the first and second stories, with no opening in the gable end. The northeast elevation of the ell addition has a typical window, and the northeast elevation of the ell, on the second story, also has a typical window.

The southeast elevation of the ell has two typical windows on the first story. The second story is cantilevered slightly beyond the first story, and has no opening. There is a small sash in the gable end. The addition in the ell is not historic. On the second story, both the main block and ell have a single typical window.

To the southwest of the house is a non-historic garage.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates N/A Architect/Builder N/A

Construction dates c. 1905

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1.12 A  
Acreage of historical setting 1.12 A  
Quadrangle name ~~Sykesville~~ Ellicott City

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the outlines of the property, tax map 10, parcel 143, which encompasses all of the historic buildings and features on the site.

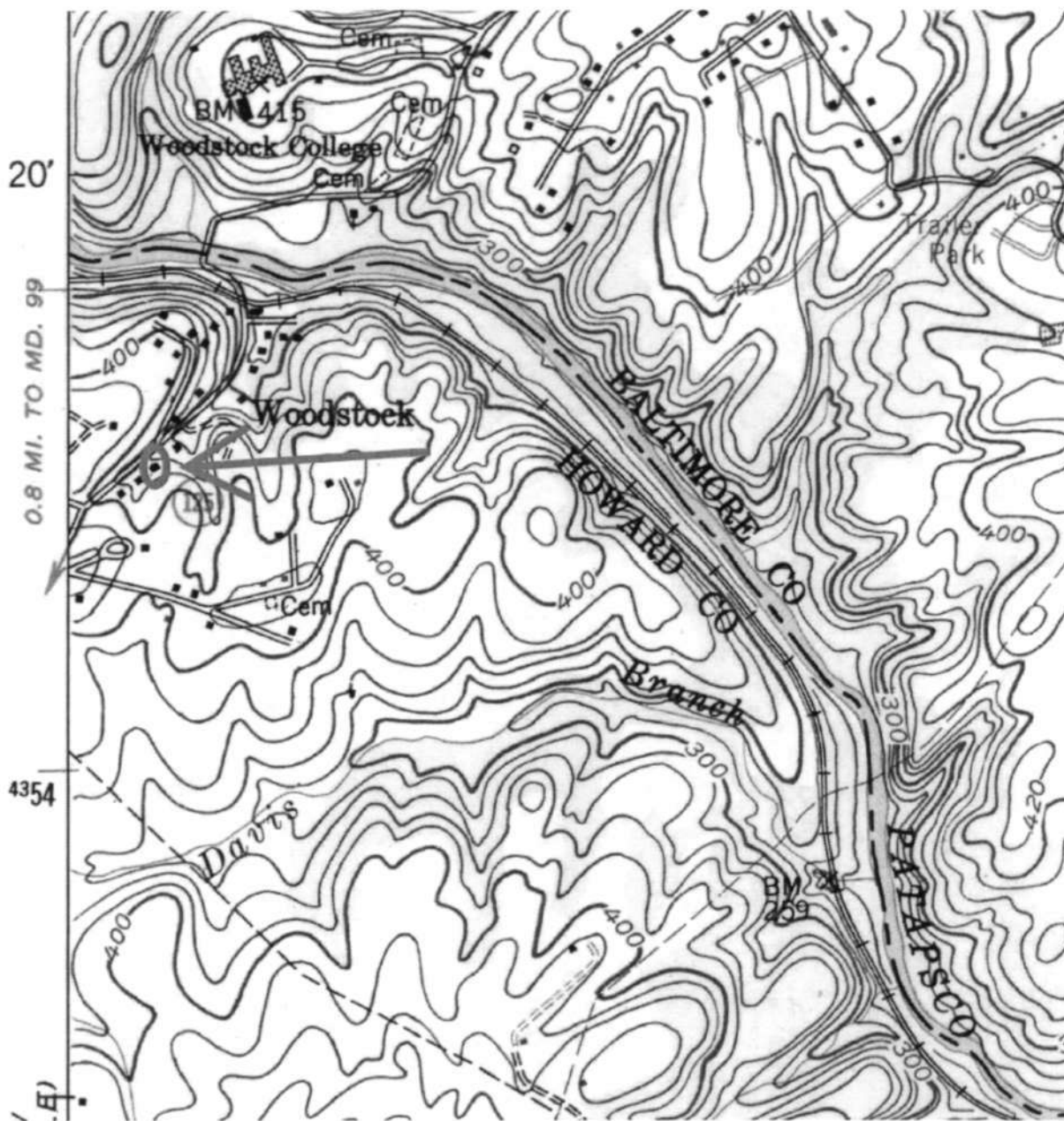
## 11. Form Prepared by

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street & number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	410-313-4335
city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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Ellicott City quad

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Howard County, Maryland  
Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera  
HP Premium Plus paper  
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

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Northeast & northwest elevations

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